

Senate File 2159 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO LSB 6019HH BY
STECKMAN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the implementation of a centralized direct
2 care workforce database.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. CENTRALIZED DIRECT CARE WORKFORCE DATABASE. The
2 department of inspections and appeals shall expand the registry
3 of nurse aides established pursuant to 441 IAC 81.16(5) to
4 include a database to maintain the verified education and
5 training records, credentials or certifications, and experience
6 of all direct care workers. The purposes of the centralized
7 direct care workforce database are to increase the portability
8 of direct care worker records, credentials or certifications,
9 and experience across settings; lessen the burden on direct
10 care workers and employers in the recruitment, selection,
11 and employment of direct care workers; and provide the data
12 necessary to ensure a well-prepared direct care workforce to
13 meet the growing demand for these services.

EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill requires the department of inspections and
18 appeals to expand the registry of nurse aides to include a
19 database to maintain the verified education and training
20 records, credentials or certifications, and experience of all
21 direct care workers. The purposes of the centralized direct
22 care workforce database are to increase the portability of
23 direct care worker records, credentials or certifications,
24 and experience across settings; lessen the burden on direct
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26 and employment of direct care workers; and provide the data
27 necessary to ensure a well-prepared direct care workforce to
28 meet the growing demand for these services.